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ATTN: Docket ID No. OW-2003-0063

RE: Interim Statement and Guidance on Application of Pesticides to Waters of the United States in Compliance with FIFRA

Dear Sirs:

Glasgow Irrigation District agrees with the interpretation of the Environmental Protection Agency in determining the application of pesticides directly to waters of the United States in order to control pests (aquatic weeds) does not constitute the discharge of a pollutant that requires a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

The injection of chemicals into our irrigation canals for control of pondweed, moss, and algae is regulated by the Department of Agriculture and must be applied in a responsible manner and according to license and label requirements.

Thank you for considering our comment.

Sincerely,

GLASGOW IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Melvin Novak, President Board of Commissioners

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